



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

May 2019

## Dannebrog Grand Past President

Greetings! I would like to begin by thanking Dannebrog members for electing me as their Grand President, and I am looking forward to the next year of installations. Thank you, Alan Filiu, for your fine work this past year. Congratulations to all the new Grand Officers. Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 did a tremendous job of putting together a fun-filled and productive Convention. Many thanks are extended to the committee, chaired by Signe Ann McNeil, for a job well done. The highlight of the Convention for me was the honor of presenting my daughter Susan Gauthier with the Dannebrog Member of the Year award. Congratulations, Susan, you are so deserving of this award. Congratulations to Robert Lacey on being awarded Dania's Member of the Year. I am looking forward to teaming up with Jana Heer-Glovaski, Dania's Grand President, and her staff as we begin our travels. See you in Reno! Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

WOW! Wadda a Convention! Major kudos to Hayward's Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 for keeping it all running smoothly from start to finish AND making sure we had plenty of fun and went home with lasting memories, and for the luckier ones, some fabulous raffle prizes! The most amazing part is that they did it all with most of them still having important responsibilities in the business meetings! The best part of all conventions is of course reuniting with friends. It was because of my family's history that I joined Dannebrog and then Dania, but what keeps me showing up are the lasting friendships that now feel as close as family. Did I mention how perfect this one was, the reception, the theme, the decorations, the food, the music, the entertainment (OMG Stuart and Tim!!!) the installation, keepsake corsages and boutonnières, and the excellent floor work lead by the drill team of Mary Esther Filiu and Signe Ann McNeil! The highlight of Saturday night is always the presentation of the Member of the Year Awards by the newly installed Grand Presidents of Dannebrog and Dania. I had the pleasure of presenting the 2019 Dania's Member of the Year Award to Robert Lacey, who's dedication, generosity and compassion serves as the perfect example of one of the primary values Dania promotes, taking care of those in need, congratulations Bob! After this wonderful weekend of Dania and Dannebrog energy, my feet are just starting to touch the ground and I'm looking forward to serving you all next year with Beth Cowan our Grand President of Dannebrog, I know we'll have a Grand time. In the coming months as our Dania Committees take shape, I'll be sharing our ideas

## Grand Officers

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and plans to help make your membership and experience in our Danish lodges even more enjoyable and rewarding. I love reading your articles here in the newsletter and getting inspiration from your local activities. Let's do more and share more together, maybe attend an installation of a different branch, or join in on a camping trip, plan a road trip to Solvang for Danish Days and bring home a bucket or two of Olsen's Danish Bakery cookies, and honestly, every member in Dania and Dannebrog owes themselves at least one visit to Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 in Ferndale for their branches installation over the Labor Day weekend. Make this the year to try something new, I know I am! \*\*\* Tak for sidst!  
Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand President, Dania

### **Dannebrog Grand Past President**

Greetings everyone,  
Frist I again would like to thank you for having faith in me and allowing me to be your Grand President for the past year. I have enjoyed it. The fellowship and travel was super. Thanks to one and all for all my gifts.  
Kudos to the fantastic Convention Committee of this year, they did a splendid job. What a thrill to end my year seeing my advisor, Susan Gauthier, becoming the newest member

### **Dania Jr. Past Grand President**

While we had a fairly productive convention, the Dania Constitution Revision Committee was quite frustrated, as was the membership, due to the continual trivial challenges of the procedure followed in making this presentation to the entire delegation. Even though there was a concerted effort made to block the progress of this hard-working committee, when a vote was taken to pass the entire all-inclusive document, including six proposals, it received a majority vote but fell short by two votes to obtain a 2/3 vote needed for passage. This was encouraging for the committee to know it had the membership's majority support. Had this passed we would have saved about 4 hours of discussion that followed.

As I pass the gavel to Jana Heer-Glovaski, she needs to know that there is a great need to complete these Constitutional revisions and I feel that most of the delegation is receptive to move forward in an effort to update our Constitution. She should be encouraged to know that she is backed by an Executive Committee that is progressive in their thinking. Jana, don't hesitate to reach out to some of the previous committee members on this topic as some have 4 years of experience which could prove to be invaluable.

As I end my year as your Grand President, I want to thank all of my Grand Officers for their dedication and the assistance they provided me along the way. I specially want to thank Tom Martin, my Advisor. I wouldn't want

### **Danish Campers – May 17 – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

This is a reminder that the Danish Campers campout is coming up soon. We're meeting at Casa de Fruta RV Resort on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for a relaxing weekend. The rate is approximately \$45 per night depending on the number of reservations we receive. I've reserved the sites through Monday, leaving Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> if anyone would like to take advantage of an extended stay. The resort is located in Hollister, two miles east of the junction of Highways 152 and 156.

### **IN MEMORIAM:**

Ole Juul; Dannevang No. 7, Livermore

### **DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

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Karen Faraldo in memory of Irene Simms

Zena Lundberg in memory of Irene Simms and Kathleen Gearhart

of the year for the Grand Lodge Dannebrog. Susan, you really deserve it!!

And to Beth, I wish you the best this coming year. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed mine. Mary Esther and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again as we travel the Great Danish Circuit!!!!

Again thank you for the honor of serving as your Grand President. Alan Filiau, Grand Past President, Dannebrog.

to be my Advisor, as I usually ask for advice after the fact. Also, a note of appreciation to Lilian Rasmussen for filling in as our Grand Vice Marshal at convention. I thank our entire membership for the trust placed in me to serve in this capacity.

In a special note I would like to compliment the Hayward Branches for putting on a very successful convention that was extremely well organized and well received. Also, I feel the recognition of Bob Lacey as member of the year was long overdue for all the work he has done for the Grand Lodge as a Past Grand President, for Chairing the Senior Assistance Fund for many years and for serving on a multitude of committees. I have had the opportunity to serve with Bob on many committees and know he is dedicated to our cause. And on top of all that he rides a Nimbus.

I will continue to serve and will always work to make our process as fair and equitable as possible. To some of you I probably appear to be impatient and at times frustrated. I currently Chair or serve as a member of 12 committees or boards, and will continue to devote my time where I see that my effort brings results. When that ceases to happen, I will redirect my effort.

Thanks for a great year. John Scheuber, Jr. Past Grand President

(I like my new title. At my age anything with Junior in it sounds youthful)

If you haven't joined us before, we usually bring appetizers to share, and your own wine or beverage of choice for Friday night, and a potluck dinner on Saturday night where you bring your own meat/chicken/fish to BBQ, and a dish to share. Casa de Fruta has a lot to offer, including shopping at the Fruit Stand and Casa de Gifts, wine tasting at the Casa de Wine, and rides on the Casa de Carousel and Casa de Choo Choo. The fun never ends. **The deadline for reservations is May 1<sup>st</sup>.** You can reach me at 510-278-9430 or e-mail pab0718@sbcglobal.net. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Susan Christensen; Thora #11, Fresno  
Ken Downey and Mike Robert; Valdemar #12: Reno  
Judy Storm, Helen Robert and Nina Brandt; Dannevirke #9:

**Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wednesday every month 7:30 PM Odd  
Fellows Building; 26 Seventh Street, San Francisco CA  
94103**

**Danmark #2 Secretary John A. Jensen, E-Mail  
[jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

On behalf of all members of Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 of San Francisco, we congratulate the Hayward lodges on the great job they did in the preparing and implementing the 2019 Dania and Dannebrog Convention. Our members who attended had so much fun. We also wish to congratulate all of the incoming Grand Officers of Dania and Dannebrog. We are looking forward to another successful year.

**Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday, 11:30 AM. Old Town Waffle Shop, 1084 Clovis Ave. Fresno.**

**Secretary, Christie Pettitt, [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com)**

This was a great convention that the Hayward lodges put on in San Francisco. The Great Danes, the good food and music for dancing.

Congratulations to "Dannebrog's Member of the Year," Susan Gauthier. A Past Grand President, this lady has always been very involved with Dannebrog, keeping us current, and now revising our web site.

Congratulations also go to Dania's Robert Lacey for receiving the "Dania Member of the Year Award". He has been the Senior Assistance Chairman for a number of years and is very active in his local lodge.

Congratulation go to all the new Grand Officers in both Dania and Dannebrog. Looking forward to an exciting year as our new Dannebrog Grand President Beth Cowan,

**Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA**

**Secretary, Natalie Heer, [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

Dana #15 and Freja #6 will be welcoming home our convention delegates on Sunday May 5th. We'll gather at noon at the Masonic Center and eat when all the food is on the table, please bring a dish to share - homemade or takeout, hot or cold - it's all good! Beverages and dessert

**Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.**

**Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

Livermore will Meet, Saturday, May 11th, 5:00, at Anita's Mexican Food restaurant to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, it is on the corner of Railroad and K Streets in Livermore. (I believe we also have a few May birthdays to celebrate, and maybe a belated April birthday.) We were sad to hear of the passing of one of our member, Ole Juul, who joined in 1985. Our condolences go out to his family.

**No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.**

**President, Susan Gauthier, [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

We hope everyone enjoyed our convention and Beach Party! I wish to extend a huge thank you to everyone who assisted in the success of our convention. Thanks a million

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Valdemar No 12. Dannevirke No. 9	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2019	IOOF Hall Reno

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 8 maj*. We gather at about 6:30 for socializing before our meeting at 7:30, and then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. We hope to see you there!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,  
[jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 510-299-1855

who was the Marshal for her Brother, Stuart Mahler and now he will be the Marshal for Beth. It's going to be fun. In our Fresno lodges we have one new member and a few that's able to come because we have it on a Saturday. The decision to continue our lunch/meeting on Saturday, or move it to another day, will be voted on at the next meeting. I think we might be keeping the idea of the restaurant lunch/meeting. Most of us enjoy the freedom of not having to bring food. We will meet at the Clovis restaurant, "The Old Waffle Shop", at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Hope all of you had a wonderful Easter and all the Mothers have a fabulous Mother's Day.  
Martha

will be provided. Delegates will be giving their convention reports and we'll have a surprise visit from our new Grand President of Dania! (just kidding, no surprise, it's just me)  
JHG =

Congratulations to Hayward for an outstanding convention, and congratulations to all the newly elected Grand Officers, especially our own Bob and Tracey Lamee who stepped up as Grand Trustees, and those members honored as members of the year. A fun time was had by all! See you at Anita's KRT

to our committee who put together the goodie bags, to the members and family who volunteered at the registration table, sold raffle tickets, set up decorations, made the

corsages & boutonnieres, donated goodies, and who donated raffle prizes. I cannot thank you enough for the support of this organization.

Congratulations to the new Grand Officers, and to our own newly installed Grand Officers from Hayward...Dannebrog Grand Past President Alan Filiu, Grand President Beth Cowan, Grand Marshal Stuart Mahler, and Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette, and Dania Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson.

It was quite a surprise to be presented with the Dannebrog Member of the Year award. As you may know, I am not usually at a loss for words. I would now like to express my gratitude to the members who nominated me for this distinguished honor. I am so thankful and moved by your

### **Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of March, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.**

**John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, 8426 Bel View Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2557**

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Sønderjylland #10 was represented by President Karen F. Lysmer and Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger -Hansen at the 139<sup>th</sup> Convention of Dania and the 104<sup>th</sup> Dannebrog Convention in South San Francisco.

Compliments and thanks to Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 of Hayward for an outstanding Convention.

Everything was managed smoothly with great teamwork. Congratulations to the newly installed Grand Presidents and Officers. Thank you for a job well done to the Junior Past Grand Presidents and Officers as well.

The Thursday Welcome Reception was very memorable with the presentation of "Building the American Flag" It touched many of us and made us pause, and put things into historical perspective!

### **Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536**

**Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

May 4 we will be serving up Aebelskiver and Danish Sausage at 10:00 at the Danish Hall. This is a fun time for the community to get together over some good food.

Francis Sweet and his crew will be manning the kitchen.

We will have a business meeting after around 12:00.

May 12 we will be showing the movie Chocolate for mother's day at 1:00.

May 27 we will be serving Swedish Pancakes for a public breakfast. \$10 per person serving from 8 – 3. At 10:00 the

### **Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday every month at 7 PM, Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno, NV 89503.**

**Secretary, Sena Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, [achristensen@med.unr.edu](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu)**

The Reno Lodges Dannevirke #9 & Valdemar #12 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

With 27 in attendance we started with lots of appetizers and had a lovely Easter Dinner of ham, potatoes green beans and lots of other goodies. Dessert was great as well, Anette made a very pretty cake for Sena-Marie and Carl's birthdays. It was a wonderful spread and the cake was delicious. During dessert and coffee, Anette opened a very busy meeting. We started with election of officers. They are as follows: Past President Paul C. Christensen,

support. And, to have my mother present the award...I still do not have the words to describe what it meant to me. I am so blessed to be a part of this organization that I love and call my family. Many thanks!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9. Please join us when we meet at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546, for our "Welcome Back from Convention" event. We will gather at 6:30 PM for pizza, beverages and a sweet treat. A brief meeting will follow dinner. Please notify me if you will be attending, so we can plan accordingly for food & beverages, at 510-299-9172 or [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). Visitors are always welcome!

We hope to see you there! Susan

The Friday Beach Party had quite a turnout of outfits. And the Gala Dinner-Dance had everyone in their traditional finest.

The meetings were at times complicated, and not easy for the few of us who still take notes, while comprehending the debates.

Sønderjylland #10 will not meet in May. Our June 8<sup>th</sup>/19 is important to attend, as this is the only meeting before our Installation on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will form committees to organize the event and look forward to input and fresh ideas.

Please call or email our Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger -Hansen whether you can attend the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Respectfully Submitted

Karen F. Lysmer. President

Veterans will be marching in the Memorial Day parade down main street. In the afternoon watch the final of the Kinetic Sculpture race. Finish line is Ocean and Main. Watch for the entry "Cat bus" it is being operated by some of our members of Valhalla and Ydun.

May is going to be busy... all are welcome to attend.

**Christian Nielsen**

President Anette Christensen, Vice President Eva Demosthenes, Secretary Sena-Marie Freeman # "45", Treasurers Carl H. Christiansen and Ina Segesman, Marshal Nina Sawyer, Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jens Christiansen, Ingrid Hedman and Helen Christiansen, Auditors: Lars Jensen, Brandur Jensen and Donna Vanderbeck.

Then we finished all our preparations for our May 3<sup>rd</sup> installation. 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner, 8 pm installation with dessert and coffee to follow. The Grand Presidents



will then make their speeches and introduce their officers. RSVP to Anette via e-mail. [achristensen@med.unr.edu](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu) or Sena Marie at [danishgal9@gmail.com](mailto:danishgal9@gmail.com) or phone # 775-786-1630 or cell 775-224-6230 by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone that can come and help make sandwiches at 2 pm, 5/3/19 – is very much appreciated!

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Our famous Danish open face sandwiches by Anette and all her helpers.

Guess what? We took in 5 new members – 2 for Valdemar #12: Ken Downey and Mike Robert. 3 members for Dannevirke #9: Judy Storm, Helen Robert and Nina Brandt. Everyone is welcome and we enjoy getting new members.

June will be Italian night hosted by Mike and Donna Vanderbeck. Sena Marie will bake her Italian cheese cookies. June 21<sup>st</sup> will be our Saint Hans Fest at the River School Farm.

On our sick list is Ingrid Hedman's husband Gary who was in the hospital had a stent put in; Anne-Katherine Sawyer spent 1 night in the hospital with a minor heart problem. Janet Pulsipher was in a wheel chair at her

#### **Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friday every month 7:00 PM Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto, CA 95351.**

**Secretary, Ann Stowers, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)**

#### **Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

**President, Doris Skow, [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com), Secretary, Laila Solyst, [lailaspring@hotmail.com](mailto:lailaspring@hotmail.com)**

Saturday, May 18 will be our regular business meeting. We will gather at 12 noon for lunch at the Lacey's home, 101 Calle Marguerita, Los Gatos. Please call Lis so she knows how many to prepare for. 408-379-0844.

We will install our secretary and one trustee, as well as have the delegates reports from the convention at this meeting. Congratulations to our own Bente Ellis as she continues to climb the ladder of the grand lodge. She is now the Grand Vice President of Dania.

Both of our Lodges here in San Jose are so very proud and thrilled that our Past Grand President Robert Lacey who was recognized for all that he does for us here in Danneskjold #17 and with Dannebrog/ Dania Senior

#### **Hejls Minde No. 23**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455**

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular luncheon and meeting Wednesday, April 3 at 12 noon at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark. Pat Hansen brought her sister, Helen Davidson, from Salisbury, England. The meeting was opened with the singing of God Bless America led by Erling Grumstrup. There were 4 birthdays and the door prize was won by Slim Juhl. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Jean Kardel. A note was read from Grand Trustee Johanne Gade thanking us for the wonderful Danish lunch and lovely box of chocolates she received at the installation last month.

#### **Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23**

**Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.**

**Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iverse**

niece's funeral, but doing much better. Hope to see Janet at our meetings soon. We sure miss our regular members that don't attend. Hope they are all okay and we miss you! Anette was in Denmark for her dad's "90<sup>th</sup>" birthday. Glad she had a good and safe trip. Welcome home. We wish Carl and Helen Christiansen a safe and good trip to Denmark. We will miss them at our installation. Sorry Grand President John couldn't attend our meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>. That darn hill anyway!

Thank you Hayward for a great convention. Hope everyone had a good time and a safe trip home.

Our May birthdays: Marian Gnant, Nina Sawyer, Lars Jensen, Greg Nielsen and Ken Downey. Happy birthday everyone!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and take care Sena-Marie

P.S. I would like to thank everyone that sent me cards and calls on my birthday. There were also breakfasts and dinners. Thank you all my Danish Family. Love you all. A big thank you to Ann-katherine, Nina and Jordan for the really great dinner and really big surprise. Sena Marie

Assistance Fund, by honoring him as The 2019 Dania Member of the year, Congratulation Bob!

I am happy to report that Lisa McDaniel had her knee replacement surgery and after rehab, has now returned home and is doing well. I on the other hand decided the ground was a smart place to sit (not so smart). I was just starting to drive again and now I can't wear my leg brace or drive until my leg heals. Two steps forward and four steps back, that's me now. I spoke with Ellen Jensen the other day and although she is in a lot of pain, she hangs in there and is cheerful. She loves visitors, but please call first to let her know you are coming. Happy May day to everyone. DWS

A delicious lunch was served. The salad, Salmon with creamy sauce, small potatoes and string beans were enjoyed by all. Dessert was carrot cake and coffee. Finn Runge and Bent Olsen will attend the convention next week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Slim Juhl requested that they look into having a white pin for 60 year members!

We finished the meeting by singing "Der er et Yndigt Land". The next meeting will be May 1, 2019 at Bit O' Denmark at 12 noon with reports from the convention by Finn Runge and Bent Olsen.